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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
YVES NAOUMENKO ET AL : EXAMINER: FERGUSON, L.
SERIAL NO: 09/498,363 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 4, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1774
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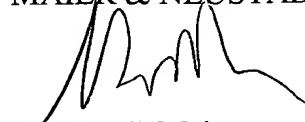
In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2001, Applicants request the reconsideration of the final rejection of claims 1-7 and 10-19, for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants wish to thank examiners Ferguson and Kelly for the courtesy of an interview on August 23, 2001, at which time the rejection of claims and the applied art were discussed. In particular, Applicants pointed out that the U.S. patent to Rothe et al fails to disclose the claimed exposed edge portion of the first sheet, formed by the offset between the first sheet and the second sheet. As a result of this discussion, the examiners agreed that the rejection based upon Rothe et al would be withdrawn.

Since claim 1 remains generic to all of the embodiments, it is respectfully requested that claims 8 and 9 be included in any patent issuing from the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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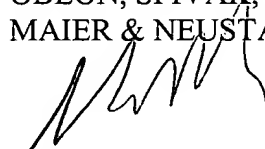
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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